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The America Recovery and
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For
The Northern Mariana Islands

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Introduction

This booklet, compiled by the Office of Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, contains information about the funding included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Act is intended to provide economic stimulus to the nation during this time of economic hardship, to protect and create jobs, and to help build a base for future economic health.

The booklet has two purposes: The first is to assist the Commonwealth Government in accessing funds that are available to the Northern Mariana Islands in the Recovery Act. Many of these are formula-based grants to existing programs. Federal agencies have already begun to notify agencies in the Commonwealth regarding new funding that will be available for existing programs and further notifications will continue in the weeks ahead. Some of the funds will be available on a competitive basis. State-level governments, such as the CNMI, that submit the best grant proposals will receive funding.

The second purpose of this booklet is to provide the general public with basic information about federal assistance and funding opportunities available to the Northern Mariana Islands in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Members of the public who are interested in programs listed here should contact the federal agencies in charge (using the contact information provided in the booklet) and the local agencies that are responsible for that particular type of program.

Please note: Because of the complexity of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and because the Commonwealth may in some cases have unique arrangements for accessing federal program funds, not all applicable programs are included in this booklet. Furthermore, allocations of funds to the U.S. insular areas are in some cases subject to the discretion of federal program administrators. For these reasons the following information is subject to change; and additional requirements, restrictions and guidance may apply. We will continue to update this booklet, as new information becomes available.

Information and Resources:

- America Recovery and Reinvestment Webpage: www.recovery.gov
- Clearinghouse of government information: <http://www.usa.gov>
- How to apply for federal contracts: <https://www.fbo.gov/>
- How to apply for federal grants: <http://www.grants.gov/>
- How to access various federal benefits: <http://www.govbenefits.gov>

AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND RURAL SERVICES

Agriculture

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| Program: | Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations |
| Federal Funding: | \$145 million |
| CNMI Funding: | \$4,150,000 |
| Funding Agency: | Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| CNMI Authorized Project: | Kagman Watershed |
| Description: | Watershed Operations is a voluntary program which provides assistance to sponsoring local organizations of authorized watershed projects, planned and approved under the authority of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 (P.L. 83-566). The Kagman Watershed Project reduces flooding and provides reliable water supply for vegetable farming. The Project significantly decreases flooding of agricultural lots and flooding of the main road from the island's east side population center. The planned project measures include completion of waterways A, B, and C, which will collect and transfer runoff and divert water into a planned 70 million gallon reservoir. |
| Contact information: | Natural Resources Conservation Service Attn: Public Affairs Division P.O. Box 2890 Washington, DC 20013 202-720-1560(Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/ |

Nutrition Services

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| Program: | Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) |
| Federal Funding: | \$500 million |
| Funding Agency: | Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| Description: | WIC's goal is to improve the health of low income pregnant, breastfeeding and non-breast-feeding postpartum women, and infants and children up to 5 years old. WIC provides supplemental foods, nutrition education, and access to health services. Participants receive vouchers that can be redeemed at retail food stores for specific foods that are rich sources of the nutrients frequently lacking in the diet of low-income mothers and children. |
| Contact Information: | Food & Nutrition Service Food Distribution Division 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 504 Alexandria, VA 22302-1500 703 305-2680 (Phone) 703 305-2420 (Fax) Email: fdd-psb@fns.usda.gov |
| Website: | http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/ |

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| Program: | The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) |
| Federal Funding: | \$150 million |
| CNMI Funding: | \$20,439 |
| Funding Agency: | Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| Description: | The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a Federal program that helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans, including elderly people, by providing them with emergency food and nutrition assistance at no cost. While states receive one portion of their TEFAP assistance in the form of federally donated food commodities, the CNMI receives its entire allocation in cash. |
| Contact | Food & Nutrition Service |

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| Information: | 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 504 Alexandria, VA 22302-1500 703 305-2680 (Phone) 703 305-2420 (Fax) Email: fdd-psb@fns.usda.gov |
| Website: | http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/ |

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| Program: | Emergency Food and Shelter |
| Federal Funding: | \$100 million |
| CNMI Funding: | \$64,350 |
| Funding Agency: | Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security |
| Description: | Provides food and shelter for those in need. EFSP funds can be used for a broad range of services, including: mass shelter; mass feeding; food distribution through food pantries and food banks; one-month assistance with rent; mortgage and utility payments to prevent evictions; and transition assistance from shelters to stable living conditions. ESFP's objectives are to allocate funds to the neediest areas; to ensure fast response; to foster public-private sector partnerships; to ensure local decision-making; and to maintain minimal but accountable reporting. |
| Contact Information: | Federal Emergency Management Agency 500 C Street S.W. Washington, D.C. 20472 202- 646-2500(Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/efs.shtm |

Rural Services

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| Program: | Rural Housing Insurance Fund Program Account |
| Federal Funding: | \$ 1,067,000,000 for section 502 direct loans \$10,605,000,000 for section 502 unsubsidized guaranteed loans. |
| Funding Agency: | Rural Housing Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| Description: | These loans are available for low- and very low-income households to obtain homeownership. Applicants may obtain 100% financing to purchase an existing dwelling, purchase a site |

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| | and construct a dwelling, or purchase newly constructed dwellings located in rural areas. Mortgage payments are based on the household's adjusted income. Under the Guaranteed Loan program, the Housing and Community Facilities Programs guarantees loans made by private sector lenders. (A loan guarantee through HCFP means that, should the individual borrower default on the loan, HCFP will pay the private financier for the loan.) The individual works with the private lender and makes his or her payments to that lender. Under the terms of the program, an individual or family may borrow up to 100% of the appraised value of the home, which eliminates the need for a down payment. Since a common barrier to owning a home for many low-income people is the lack of funds to make a down payment, the availability of the loan guarantees from HCFP makes the reality of owning a home available to a much larger percentage of Americans. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ |

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| Program: | Rural Community Facilities Program Account |
| Federal Funding: | \$130 million |
| Funding Agency: | Rural Housing Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| Description: | Community Programs administers programs designed to develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. These facilities include schools, libraries, childcare, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation. Through its Community Programs, the Department of Agriculture is striving to ensure that such facilities are readily available to all rural communities. Community Programs utilizes three flexible financial tools to achieve this goal: the Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program, the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program, and the Community Facilities Grant Program. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ |

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| Program: | Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account |
| Federal Funding: | \$1.38 billion |
| Funding Agency: | Rural Utilities Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| Description: | The purpose of this program is to develop water and waste disposal systems, including solid waste disposal and storm drainage, in rural areas and towns. Funds are available to public entities, such as municipalities, counties, special-purpose districts. In addition, funds may be made available to corporations operated on a not-for-profit basis. Priority will be given to public entities in areas with less than 5,500 people to restore a deteriorating water supply, or to improve, enlarge, or modify a water facility or an inadequate waste facility. The purpose of this program is to reduce water and waste disposal costs to a reasonable level for facilities serving the most financially needy communities/users of the system. Grants may be made, in some instances, up to 75% of eligible project costs. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ |

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| Program: | Distance Learning, Telemedicine and Broadband |
| Federal Funding: | \$2.5 billion |
| Funding Agency: | Rural Utilities Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| Description: | Through our Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program, USDA Rural Development offers rural communities help in developing facilities to make these exciting new services accessible. Financial assistance is available through loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations. Distance learning projects provide funding for computers and internet hookups in schools and libraries. Now, students living in sparsely populated rural areas can obtain the same quality of education previously offered to suburban and urban areas. Telemedicine provides rural clinics and health care centers with instant access to physicians hundreds or thousands of miles away. The physician can do anything from conversing with the patient |

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| | to making visual examinations, to running complicated tests. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ |

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| Program: | Rural Business Program Account |
| Federal Funding: | \$150 million |
| Funding Agency: | Rural Business-Corporate Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| Description: | To make available to rural communities through Rural Utility Service borrowers grants to be used for revolving loan funds for infrastructure, community facilities, healthcare and educational type projects. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ |

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| Program: | Broadband Technology Opportunities |
| Federal Funding: | \$4.7 billion |
| Funding Agency: | National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce. |
| Description: | Funding is provided to award competitive grants to accelerate Broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas and to strategic institutions that are likely to create jobs or provide significant public benefits. \$200 million shall be used for competitive grants for expanding public computer center capacity. \$250 million shall be for competitive grants for innovative programs to encourage sustainable broadband adoption. Internet service providers would be required to provide open access to broadband networks built using the federal funds. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Commerce 325 Broadway Boulder, Colorado 80305-3328 (303) 497-3500 |
| Website: | http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ |

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| Program: | Economic Development Assistance Programs |
| Federal Funding: | \$150 million |
| Funding Agency: | Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce |
| Description: | The program's funding is first distributed regionally on a formulaic basis based on high unemployment or low per capita income, and then each region actively seeks competitive applications. \$50 million will be used for economic adjustment assistance to help communities recover from sudden and severe economic dislocation and massive job losses due to corporate restructuring. \$50 million may be transferred to federally authorized, regional economic development commissions. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Commerce 1401 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20230 202-482-2000 (Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml |

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| Program: | Operations, Research, and Facilities |
| Federal Funding: | \$230 million |
| Funding Agency: | National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration |
| Description: | The Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Projects Funding provides habitat restoration, navigation projects, vessel maintenance, and other activities. Funding is based on competitive grants. |
| Contact Information: | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW Room 5128 Washington, DC 20230 301- 713-1208 (Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.noaa.gov/index.html |

PUBLIC SAFETY

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| Program: | Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs |
| Federal Funding: | \$225 million (\$50 million shall be for Transitional housing assistance grants for victims of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault.) |
| CNMI Funding: | \$630,273 |
| Funding Agency: | Office on Violence against Women, U.S. Department of Justice |
| Description: | Funding for Violence against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs will be available until September 30, 2010. \$175 million is for the STOP Violence against Women Formula Assistance Program. \$50 million is for transitional housing assistance grants. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. State and local units of government, non-profit non-governmental victims' services programs may apply. |
| Contact Information: | Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) 800 K Street, N.W., Suite 920 Washington, D.C. 20530 Phone: 202-307-6026 Fax: 202-305-2589 TTY: 202-307-2277 Website: www.usdoj.gov/ovw |
| Website: | http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm |

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| Program: | Byrne Grants |
| Federal Funding: | The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - \$2 billion The Edward Byrne Competitive Grant Program - \$225 million |
| CNMI Funding: | The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – \$1,640,925 The Edward Byrne Competitive Grant Program-Competitive Grant |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Justice |
| Description: | The JAG Program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system. |

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| | The Competitive Grant Program is an open, competitive solicitation. The funding must be used to prevent crime, improve the administration of justice, provide services to victims of crimes, and support critical nurturing and mentoring of at-risk children and youth. Applicants are limited to national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government. Only projects that are national in scope and respond to one or more of the priorities listed in the solicitation will be considered. |
| Contact Information: | Office of Justice Programs U.S. Department of Justice 810 Seventh Street NW Washington, DC 20531 202-307-0703 (Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/ |

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| Program: | COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) |
| Federal Funding: | \$1 billion |
| Funding Agency: | State and Local Enforcement Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice |
| Description: | CHRP is a competitive grant program that provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies having primary law enforcement authority to create and preserve jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts. |
| Contact Information: | Office of Justice Programs U.S. Department of Justice 810 Seventh Street NW Washington, DC 20531 202-307-0703 (Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/ |

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| Program: | State Fiscal Stabilization Flex Funds |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Education |
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| CNMI Funding: | \$12,194,000* (estimate here is based on equal division of funds) |
| Description: | Allocation based on “need” as determined by the Secretary of Education in consultation with the Secretary of Interior. For public safety and other government services, which may include assistance for elementary and secondary education and public institutions of higher education and for modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities consistent with a recognized green building rating system? |
| Website: | http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html |

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| Program: | Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program |
| Federal Funding: | \$210 million |
| Funding Agency: | Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security |
| Description: | Competitive grant to provide assistance for communities to modify, upgrade, or construct fire stations. |
| Contact Information: | DHS/FEMA/Grant Programs Directorate Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Tech World Bldg - South Tower 5th Floor 500 C Street, SW Washington, DC 20472 1-866-274-0960 (Phone) |
| Website: | www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG |

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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| Program: | Micro-Loan Program |
| Federal Funding: | \$6 million for direct loans |
| Funding Agency: | Small Business Administration (SBA) |
| Description: | Provides very small loans to start-up, newly established, or growing small business concerns. Under this program, SBA makes funds available to nonprofit community based lenders (intermediaries) which, in turn, make loans to eligible borrowers in amounts up to a maximum of \$35,000. The average loan size is about \$13,000. Applications are submitted to the local intermediary and all credit decisions are made on the local level. |
| Contact Information: | US Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street, SW Washington, DC 20416 1-800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) Send e-mails to: answerdesk@sba.gov Answer Desk TTY: (704) 344-6640 |
| Website: | www.sba.gov |

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| Program: | 7(a) Loan Guarantee Program |
| Federal Funding: | \$375 million was included for temporary fee reduction for the 7(a) loan guarantee program and the 504 loan program. |
| Funding Agency: | Small Business Administration |
| Description: | To ensure small businesses have access to 7(a) loans that may be used to establish a new business or to assist in the operation, acquisition or expansion of an existing business. Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 7(a) loan program. SBA may guarantee up to 90% of 7(a) loans |
| Contact Information: | US Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street, SW Washington, DC 20416 1-800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) |
| Website: | www.sba.gov |

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| Program: | 504 Loan Program |
| Federal Funding: | \$375 million was included for the temporary fee reduction for the 7(a) loan guarantee program and the 504 loan program. |
| Funding Agency: | Small Business Administration |
| Description: | To ensure small businesses maintain have access to 504 loans that may be used to establish a new business or to assist in the operation, acquisition or expansion of an existing business. Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 504 loan program. |
| Contact Information: | US Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street, SW Washington, DC 20416 1-800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) Send e-mails to: answerdesk@sba.gov Answer Desk TTY: (704) 344-6640 |
| Website: | www.sba.gov |

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| Program: | Business Stabilization Program |
| Federal Funding: | \$225 million |
| Funding Agency: | Small Business Administration |
| Description: | To provide loans on a deferred basis to viable small business concerns that has a qualifying small business loan and is experiencing immediate financial hardship. |
| Contact Information: | US Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street, SW Washington, DC 20416 1-800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) Send e-mails to: answerdesk@sba.gov Answer Desk TTY: (704) 344-6640 |
| Website: | www.sba.gov |

EDUCATION

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| Program: | Education for the Disadvantaged (Title I) |
| Federal Funding: | \$13 billion |
| CNMI Funding: | \$2,552,414 |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department Of Education |
| Description: | \$10 billion will go toward Title I formula grants and \$3 billion toward School Improvement grants. These funds should be available during school years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 to help school districts mitigate the effect of the recent reduction in local revenues and State support for education. \$5 billion of the Title I formula grants will be allocated through the targeted formula and the same amount should be allocated through the education finance incentive grant formula. Half of the grant will be distributed in February/March and half in September/October. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) |
| Website: | http://www.ed.gov |

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| Program: | Education Technology |
| Federal Funding: | \$650 million |
| CNMI Funding: | \$299,619 |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Education |
| Description: | The Enhancing Education through Technology program supports State, district, and school efforts to integrate technology into curricula in order to improve teaching and learning. Funding shall be used for technology hardware, software applications, professional development and related instructional technology staff and services. These funds should be used to improve student academic achievement and ensure that students are college and workforce ready by ensuring that every student has 21st century skills and is technology literate. In addition, the funds should be used to increase ongoing and meaningful professional |

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| | development around technology that leads to changes in teaching and curriculum and improves student achievement. Half of the Grant will be distributed in June/July and half in September/October. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) |
| Website: | http://www.ed.gov |

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| Program: | Vocational Rehabilitation |
| Federal Funding: | \$680 million |
| CNMI Funding: | \$270,196 |
| Funding Agency: | Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research, U.S. Department of Education |
| Description: | This program provides grants to support a wide range of services. Eligible individuals are those who have a physical or mental impairment that results in a substantial impediment to employment, who can benefit from vocational rehabilitation (VR) services for employment, and who require VR services. Priority must be given to serving individuals with the most significant disabilities if a state is unable to serve all eligible individuals. Half of the grant will be distributed in February/March and half in September/October. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) |
| Website: | http://www.ed.gov |

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| Program: | Independent Living State Grant |
| Federal Funding: | \$18.2 million |
| CNMI Funding: | \$22,523 |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Education |

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| Description: | The purpose of the independent living programs is to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence and productivity of individuals with disabilities and to integrate these individuals into the mainstream of American society. Independent living programs provide financial assistance to provide, expand and improve independent living services. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Education, OSERS 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Rm. 5055, PCP Washington, DC 20202-2800 202-245-7404 (Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.ed.gov http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailob/index.html |

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| Program: | Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive State Grants |
| Federal Funding: | \$100 million |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Education |
| Description: | States may use grant funds to reform teacher licensing and certification requirements; provide alternative methods of teacher preparation; and provide alternative routes to State certification. The funds provided in the economic recovery bill will assist States in modernizing the teaching workforce, address teacher shortages, and provide new routes to teaching for jobless individuals seeking to enter the teaching field. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) |
| Website: | http://www.ed.gov |

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| Program: | Student Financial Assistance |
| Federal Funding: | \$15.64 billion was included for the Pell Grant program. Each eligible student will be given an increase of \$490. For the Federal Work-Study Program, ARRA provides \$200 million in supplemental discretionary appropriations for fiscal year 2009. |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Education |
| Description: | These additional funds will provide immediate financial relief to an additional 800,000 students and their families who are |

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| | struggling to pay for the cost of a higher education during the economic downturn. Students may fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine if they are eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant or Work-Study funds, to provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate students. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone:1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) |
| Website: | http://www.ed.gov |

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| Program: | Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B |
| Federal Funding: | \$11.3 billion |
| CNMI Funding: | \$174,906 |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Education |
| Description: | IDEA Program Part B authorizes education of school aged children (grants to states) and a state grant program for preschool children with disabilities. Half of the grant will be distributed in February/March and half in September/October. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone:1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) 202-884-8215 (Phone) |
| Website: | http://idea.ed.gov/ http://www.ed.gov http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html |

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| Program: | Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C |
| Federal Funding: | \$500 million |
| CNMI Funding: | \$16,323 |

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| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Education |
| Description: | IDEA Program Part C authorizes state grants for programs serving infants and toddlers with disabilities. Half of the grant will be distributed in February/March and half in September/October. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) 202-884-8215 (Phone) |
| Website: | http://idea.ed.gov/ http://www.ed.gov http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html |

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| Program: | Fiscal Stabilization-Education Fund |
| Federal Funding: | \$53.6 billion |
| CNMI Funding: | \$54,806,000* (estimate here is based on equal division of funds) |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Education |
| Description: | Support of elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education and as applicable, early childhood education programs and services. Includes Kindergarten through grade 12 school modernizations: repair, renovation, energy efficiency improvements to existing schools. The Race to the Top program is part of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund. This fund reserves up to .5% for the outlying areas, to be allocated “on the basis of their respective needs, as determined by the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior.” |
| Website: | http://www.ed.gov |

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| Program: | Teacher Incentive Fund |
| Federal Funding: | \$200 million |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department Of Education |
| Description: | This program supports efforts to develop and implement performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems in high-need schools. The goals for the this program is to improve student achievement by increasing teacher and principal effectiveness, reform teacher and principal compensation systems so that teachers and principals are rewarded for increases in student achievement, increase the number of effective teachers teaching poor, minority, and disadvantaged students in hard-to-staff subjects and create sustainable performance-based compensation systems. Competitive grant. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) |
| Website: | http://www.ed.gov/programs/teacherincentive/index.html |

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| Program: | Impact Aid Program |
| Federal Funding: | \$100 million |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department Of Education |
| Description: | Most Impact Aid funds, except for the additional payments for children with disabilities and construction payments, are considered general aid to the recipient school districts; these districts may use the funds in whatever manner they choose in accordance with their local and State requirements. Most recipients use these funds for current expenditures, but recipients may use the funds for other purposes such as capital expenditures. School districts use Impact Aid for a wide variety of expenses, including the salaries of teachers and teacher aides; purchasing textbooks, computers, and other equipment; after-school programs and remedial tutoring; advanced placement classes; and special enrichment programs. Payments for Children with Disabilities must be used for the extra costs of educating these |

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| | children, 40% will be distributed by formula and 60% will be distributed through competitive grants at a later date. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) |
| Website: | http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ose/impactaid/whatisia.html |

TRANSPORTATION

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| Program: | Territorial Highway Program |
| Federal Funding: | \$45 million |
| CNMI Funding: | \$4.5 million |
| Funding Agency: | Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) |
| Description: | Funds may be available for eligible surface transportation projects, cost-effective preventative maintenance activities, road improvements including planning, environmental studies, and design, construction, operation, and maintenance of highways. |
| Contact Information: | Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC 20590 800-832-5660 (Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/summary.htm |

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| Program: | Transit Capital Assistance |
| Federal Funding: | \$6.9 billion (formula + discretionary grants) |
| CNMI Funding: | \$1,114,292 (based on formula grants) |
| Funding Agency: | Federal Transit Administration, USDOT |
| Description: | Grants are distributed through the existing urban and rural transit formulas. Urban Area Section 5307 and Non-urbanized Area Section 5311 grants. Discretionary grants: Under the new energy program, funding is also distributed for capital investments that will assist in reducing the energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions of their public transportation systems. |
| Contact Information: | Federal Transit Administration 1200 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20590 1-800-877-8339 (Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html |

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| Program: | Grants-in-Aid for Airports: Rehabilitate Runways |
| Federal Funding: | \$1.1 billion |
| CNMI Funding: | \$5 million |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department Of Transportation |
| Description: | The funds for the Grant-in-Airports are used for the planning and development of a safe and efficient national airport system to satisfy the needs of the aviation interests of the United States. This includes airport improvement grants for development projects that enhance capacity, safety, and security, as well as for aircraft noise compatibility planning and programs. Recovery funding will be used to issue discretionary grants to airports, with priority given to those projects that can be completed within two years. |
| Contact Information: | <u>U.S. Department of Transportation</u> Federal Aviation Administration 800 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20591 1-866-TELL-FAA (1-866-835-5322) |
| Website: | http://www.faa.gov/recovery/ |

ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE

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| Program: | Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust |
| Federal Funding: | \$190.7 million |
| CNMI Funding: | \$57,000 |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
| Description: | Through the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks Program, EPA provides resources to states and territories for the oversight, enforcement and cleanup of petroleum releases from underground storage tanks. \$190.7 million will pay for activities at shovel-ready sites to assess and cleanup underground storage tank petroleum leaks. The money may be used either to oversee assessing and cleaning up underground tank leaks, or directly pay for assessing and cleaning up leaks from federally regulated tanks where the responsible party is unknown, unwilling, unable, or the cleanup is an emergency response. The Recovery Act money for cleaning up underground storage tank leaks is intended to stimulate jobs such as those necessary to perform site assessments and cleanup activities. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview |

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| Program: | Brownfields Projects |
| Federal Funding: | \$100 million |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
| Description: | Funds are provided for Brownfields competitive grants to address environmental site assessment and cleanup, 25 percent of which are mandated by law to address petroleum contamination. Funds will capitalize revolving funds and provide low interest loans, job training grants and technical assistance to local governments and |

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| | non-profit organizations. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview |

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| Program: | Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) |
| Federal Funding: | \$300 million |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
| Description: | Created in 2005, the DERA program provides grants and loans to states and local governments for projects that reduce diesel emission. Priority projects include those that maximize public health benefits by significantly reducing particulate matter emissions which are a significant threat to both human health and a likely contributor to global warming. The program also targets geographic areas with high air pollution and air toxics and areas that receive a disproportionate quantity of air pollution, such as truck stops and ports. EPA funds technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview |

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| Program: | Clean Water State Revolving Funds |
| Federal Funding: | \$4 billion |
| CNMI Funding: | \$1,551,700 |

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| Funding Agency: | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
| Description: | The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's CWSRF program awards annual capitalization grants to states as a long-term source of state financing a) for the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities, b) for the implementation of non-point water quality management activities, and c) for the development and implementation of comprehensive estuary conservation and management plans. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview |

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| Program: | Drinking Water State Revolving Funds |
| Federal Funding: | \$2 billion |
| CNMI Funding: | \$1,902,000 |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
| Description: | The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) provides grants, distributed by formula, to states to capitalize their revolving loan funds which then finance drinking water infrastructure improvements. Community water systems, and non-profit, non-community water systems, are eligible to have projects funded. Some examples are projects to: rehabilitate or develop sources of drinking water; install or upgrade treatment facilities; install or upgrade storage facilities; install or replace transmission or distribution pipes; and replace aging water system infrastructure. Funds can also be used to conduct project feasibility studies, engineering design work, and project administration. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview |

ENERGY

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| Program: | State Energy Program |
| Federal Funding: | \$3.1 billion |
| CNMI Funding: | \$18,550,000 million |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Energy |
| Description: | The State Energy Program (SEP) provides grants to states and directs funding to state energy offices. States use grants to address their energy priorities and program funding to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. This funding will provide resources for activities in state energy offices, including key initiatives such as residential, commercial and governmental building energy efficiency retrofits. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20585 1-800-342-5363(Phone) 1-202-586-5000 (Main Switchboard) |
| Website: | http://www.energy.gov/recovery/ |

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| Program: | Weatherization Assistance Program |
| Federal Funding: | \$5 billion |
| CNMI Funding: | \$795,206 |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Energy |
| Description: | Enables low income families to reduce energy bills by making homes more energy efficient. Services include attic, wall and basement insulation, blower-door-guided air leakage reduction; heating system repairs or replacement; and health and safety testing and inspections. All measures are provided based on an on-site energy audit and on cost-effective guidelines. The program has been expanded to include households at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. The maximum allowed per household has been increased from \$2,500 to \$6,500. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20585 |

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| Website: | http://www.energy.gov/recovery/ |
| Program: | Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant |
| Federal Funding: | \$3.2 billion |
| CNMI Funding: | \$ 9,593,500 million |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Energy |
| Description: | Assists local governments in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of the eligible entities and reduce the total energy use. Activities eligible to receive funding include: conducting residential and commercial building energy audits; establishing financial incentives programs for energy efficiency improvements; grants to non-profits organizations to perform energy efficiency retrofits; developing/implementing programs to conserve energy used in transportation; developing and implementing building codes and inspections services to promote building energy efficiency; installing light emitting diodes (LEDs); and developing, implementing, and installing on or in any government building onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable sources. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20585 1-800-342-5363(Phone) 1-202-586-5000 (Main Switchboard) |
| Website: | http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm#eligible |

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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| Program: | Dislocated Workers State Grant |
| Federal Funding: | \$1.25 billion |
| CNMI Funding: | \$595,309 |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Labor |
| Description: | Program is to provide services to individuals who have been terminated or laid off, or have received notice of termination or layoff, from employment generally due to company closures or downsizing. Core services will include job search and placement assistance (including career counseling); labor market information (which identifies job vacancies; skills needed for in-demand jobs). |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm |

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| Program: | Youth State Grants |
| Federal Funding: | \$1.2 billion |
| CNMI Funding: | \$512,149 |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Labor |
| Description: | Youth Program provides services to youth ages 14-24. The main thrust of the Youth Program is to increase the focus on longer-term academic and occupational learning opportunities and provide long-term comprehensive service strategies through summer jobs and training programs. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm |

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| Program: | Adult State Grants |
| Federal Funding: | \$500 million |
| CNMI Funding: | \$205,279 |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Labor |
| Description: | Intended to be customer-focused, to help Americans access the tools they need to manage their careers through information and high quality services, and to help companies find skilled workers. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm |

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| Program: | Community Service Employment for Older Americans |
| Federal Funding: | \$120 million |
| CNMI Funding: | \$390,000 |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Labor |
| Description: | Community service and work based training program for older workers. Provides subsidized, part-time community service work based training for low-income persons age 55 or older who have poor employment prospects. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm |

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| Program: | YouthBuild |
| Federal Funding: | \$50 million |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Labor |
| Description: | This competitive grant program funds projects that provide |

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| | education and construction skills training for disadvantaged youth. Participating youth work primarily through mentorship and apprenticeship programs to rehabilitate and construct housing for low-income families. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm |

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| Program: | High Growth and Emerging Industry Sectors |
| Federal Funding: | \$750 million |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Labor |
| Description: | Funds distributed by a competitive grant process to provide worker training and placement in high growth and emerging industry sectors. For research, labor exchange, and job training prospects that prepare workers for careers in deconstruction and materials use industry, energy efficient building, construction, and retrofits industries. In awarding remaining funds, priority shall be given to projects that prepare workers for careers in the health care sector. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm |

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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| Program: | Child Care and Development Block Grant Program |
| Federal Funding: | \$2 billion |
| CNMI Funding: | \$1,823,015 |
| Funding Agency: | Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services |
| Description: | The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is the primary Federal program specifically devoted to child care services and quality. Fund will allow states across the country to support child care services for more families whose children require care while they are working, seeking employment or receiving job training or education. The funds will be used by states to provide vouchers to families for child care or to provide access to care through contracts with child care centers. |
| Contact Information: | Adm. for Children and Families San Francisco Regional Office 90 7th St., 9th Floor San Francisco, CA 94103 415-437-8400(Phone) 415-437-8444(Fax) |
| Website: | http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/grants_acyf.html |

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| Program: | Children and Families Services Programs (Head Start/Early Head Start) |
| Federal Funding: | \$2.1 billion |
| CNMI Funding: | \$340,000 |
| Funding Agency: | Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services |
| Description: | Child development programs with overall goal of increasing school readiness of young children in low income families. |
| Contact Information: | Administration for Children and Families 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 |
| Website: | http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/grants_acyf.html |

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| Program: | Prevention and Wellness Fund: NCD Prevention Integrating Diabetes and Tobacco Programs |
| Federal Funding: | \$3 million |
| CNMI Funding: | \$ 221,128 |
| Funding Agency: | Prevention and Wellness Fund, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services |
| Description: | The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP) is issuing this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) to support tobacco control, diabetes prevention and control, and BRFSS activities in the US Affiliated Pacific Islands. Public health efforts in tobacco control and diabetes prevention and control are critical to promoting the overarching goals of "Healthy People 2010", to increase the length and quality of life and eliminate health disparities. This program announcement addresses the focus areas of Tobacco Use, Educational and Community-Based Programs, Diabetes, and Surveillance and Data Systems. |
| Contact Information: | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 1600 Clifton Rd. Atlanta, GA 30333, USA 1800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) TTY: (888) 232-6348 |
| Website: | www.hhs.gov |

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| Program: | Community Services Block Grant |
| Federal Funding: | \$1 billion |
| CNMI Funding: | \$770,658 |
| Funding Agency: | Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services |
| Description: | Funds to address the needs of low-income individuals to improve the causes and conditions of poverty. Eligible entities use funds to provide services and activities addressing employment, education, housing, nutrition, and emergency services to combat the central causes of poverty. The services that are currently provided by community organizations that receive CSBG funds include Job training and placement assistance, financial programs |

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| | such as credit counseling, nutrition programs that provide meals for vulnerable families and community agencies that bring public and private resources together to assist families in need. |
| Contact Information: | Administration for Children and Families 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 |
| Website: | http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/grants_acyf.html |

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| Program: | Senior Meals Program (Congregate Nutrition services and Home-Delivered Nutrition under Title III) |
| Federal Funding: | \$100 million (\$65 million for congregate nutrition services under Title III and \$32 million for home-delivered nutrition services under Title III) |
| CNMI Funding: | \$60,625 (\$40,625 for congregate nutrition services under Title III and \$20,000 for home-delivered nutrition services under Title III) |
| Funding Agency: | Administration on Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services |
| Description: | Congregate Nutrition Services (Title III-C1) provides funding for the provision of meals and related services in an array of congregate settings, which help keep older Americans healthy and prevent the need for more costly medical interventions. The program also presents opportunities for social engagement and meaningful volunteer roles, which contribute to overall health and well-being. Home-Delivered Nutrition Services (Title III-C2) provides funding for the delivery of meals and related services to seniors that are homebound. Home-delivered meals are often the first in-home service that an older adult receives, and the program is a key access point for the other home and community-based services. Home-delivered meals also are an essential service for many caregivers, by helping them to maintain their own health and well-being. |
| Contact Information: | Administration on Aging Washington, DC 20201 202 619-0724(Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.aoa.gov/ |

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| Program: | Medicaid |
| Federal Funding: | \$86.6 billion |
| CNMI Funding: | \$6.5 million (based on 30% increase in the cap on Medicaid payments) |
| Funding Agency: | Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services |
| Description: | Insular areas have the following two options for benefits: (a) 6.2% increase in the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentages (FMAP) plus 15% increase in the cap on Medicaid payments; OR (b) 30% increase in the cap on Medicaid payments. |
| Contact Information: | Medicare Service Center: 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227) Medicare Service Center TTY: 877-486-2048 Report Medicare Fraud & Abuse: 800-HHS-TIPS (1-800-447-8477) |
| Website: | http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/medicaid.asp |

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| Program: | National Health Service Corps |
| Federal Funding: | \$300 million |
| Funding Agency: | Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services |
| Description: | Competitive grants, scholarships, and loan repayment. Funds will be used for training primary healthcare providers including doctors, dentists, and nurses as well as helping pay medical school expenses for students who agree to practice in underserved communities through the National Health Service Corps. |
| Contact Information: | The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 202-619-0257(Phone) |
| Website: | http://www.hrsa.gov/ |

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| Program: | Ryan White Title II Formula Grants Program |
| Federal Funding: | \$1,209,487 |
| CNMI Funding: | \$ 45,287 |

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| Funding Agency: | Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services |
| Description: | This grant used for developing and/or enhancing access to comprehensive variety of care which includes primary medical care, HIV-related medications; mental health treatment; substance abuse treatment; oral health; and case management services, home health care; nutritional, and rehabilitation services that assist low-income and families living with HIV. These funds are also used to ensure access to antiretroviral and other drug therapies, including prophylaxis and treatment of opportunistic infections as well as combination antiretroviral therapies. |
| Contact Information: | The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 202-619-0257(Phone) |
| Website: | http://hab.hrsa.gov/law/0709.htm |

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| Program: | Immunization Grant Program |
| Federal Funding: | \$300 million |
| CNMI Funding: | \$337,000 |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services |
| Description: | The Section 317 program provides funding for immunization operations and infrastructure necessary to implement a comprehensive immunization program at the federal, state, and local levels. The funding will be used to purchase vaccines as well as to deliver vaccines and strengthen vaccination programs. |
| Contact Information: | The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 202-619-0257(Phone) |
| Website: | www.hhs.gov |

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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| Program: | Community Development Block Grants |
| Federal Funding: | \$1 billion |
| CNMI Funding: | \$1,374,719 |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development |
| Description: | The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program enables local governments to undertake a wide range of activities intended to create suitable living environments, provide decent affordable housing and create economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income. Under the Recovery Act, recipients shall give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days of the grant agreement. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 202- 708-1112 (Phone) 202-708-1455 |
| Website: | http://www.hud.gov/recovery/ |

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| Program: | Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) |
| Federal Funding: | \$2.25 billion |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development |
| Description: | Partners with local non-profit groups to build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership or provide direct rental assistance to low-income people. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 202- 708-1112 (Phone) 202-708-1455 |
| Website: | http://www.hud.gov/recovery/ |

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| Program: | Neighborhood Stabilization Program |
| Federal Funding: | \$2 billion |
| CNMI Funding: | \$364,162 |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development |
| Description: | Competitive Grants. Funds can be used by grantees to purchase and redevelop foreclosed homes, purchase and rehabilitate abandoned or foreclosed-upon homes, establish land banks, demolish blighted structures, and redevelop demolished or vacant properties as housing. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 202- 708-1112 (Phone) 202-708-1455 |
| Website: | http://www.hud.gov/recovery/recoveryact.cfm |

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| Program: | Homelessness Prevention Program |
| Federal Funding: | \$1,492,500,000 |
| CNMI Funding: | \$589,165 |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development |
| Description: | The Homelessness Prevention Fund will provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. The funds under this program are intended to target individuals and families who would be homeless but for this assistance. The funds will provide for a variety of assistance, including: short-term or medium-term rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services, including such activities as mediation, credit counseling, security or utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and case management. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 Telephone: (202) 708-1112 TTY: (202) 708-1455 |
| Website: | http://www.hud.gov/recovery/homeless-prevention.cfm |

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| Program: | Project-Based Rental Assistance |
| Federal Funding: | \$2 billion |
| CNMI Funding: | \$104,208 |
| Funding Agency: | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development |
| Description: | The Section 8 Program was authorized by Congress in 1974 and developed by HUD to provide rental subsidies for eligible tenant families (including single persons) residing in newly constructed, rehabilitated and existing rental and cooperative apartment projects. |
| Contact Information: | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 Telephone: (202) 708-1112 TTY: (202) 708-1455 |
| Website: | http://www.hud.gov/recovery/pbrassistance.cfm |

TAX AND BENEFITS

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| Program: | Earned Income Tax Credit |
| Eligibility Amount: | Tax credit of \$400 for individuals and \$800 for married couples filing jointly |
| Description: | The EITC is a credit for certain people who work. You (and your spouse, if you are filing a joint return) and any qualifying children listed on schedule EIC need valid social security numbers. Find out if you are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit or EITC by answering some questions and providing basic income information. The program also assists you in determining your correct filing status, determining whether your child(ren) meets the tests for a qualifying child, and estimating the amount of credit you may receive. |
| Contact Information: | Internal Revenue Service P.O. Box 12192 Covington, KY 41012-0192 1-800-829-1040 |
| Website: | http://www.irs.gov/index.html |

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| Program: | Social Security |
| Eligibility Amount: | \$250 would be paid to persons who receive Social Security and Veteran benefits. |
| Description: | A person is eligible for this allowance if he or she received Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Veterans benefits at any time during the months of November 2008, December 2008 or January 2009. The payment will be made separately from other benefits provided by the Social Security Administration (SSA). |
| Contact Information: | Social Security Administration Office of Public Inquiries Windsor Park Building 6401 Security Blvd. |

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| | Baltimore, MD 21235 1-800-772-1213 |
| Website: | www.socialsecurity.gov |

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| Program: | Higher Education Tax Credit |
| Eligibility Amount: | Up to \$2,500 of the cost of college tuition and other related expenses in 20009 and 2010. |
| Description: | Higher Education Tax Credit will allow you to claim a tuition deduction of up to \$4,000 of qualified education expenses paid during the year for yourself, your spouse, or you're dependent. You cannot claim this deduction if you're filing status is married filing separately or if another person can claim an exemption for you as a dependent on his or her tax return. The qualified expenses must be for higher education. |
| Contact Information: | Internal Revenue Service P.O. Box 12192 Covington, KY 41012-0192 1-800-829-1040 |
| Website: | http://www.irs.gov/index.html |